

House Resolution No. 1958

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exceptional citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Jim MacKeen deserves commendation for his well-deserved selection to receive a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Special Recognition Award which will be presented to him on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Eleventh Annual Community Recognition Dinner at The Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Jim MacKeen will receive Crime Stoppers honors and accolades because of the central role he played in halting the actions of a large-scale shoplifting ring in St. Charles; and

Whereas, in September 2002 the St. Charles Police Department's Crimes Against Property Unit obtained information that retail businesses throughout St. Charles County and the St. Louis metropolitan area were the victims of an ongoing, organized campaign to shoplift merchandise and then fence the materials through an area resident; and

Whereas, Security Investigator Jim MacKeen of Target offered assistance with a police sting operation which lasted for more than two months, executed two search warrants, seized more than \$500,000 in stolen property, and resulted in a seven-count receiving stolen property warrant; and

Whereas, in addition to providing property for the police detectives to use in the successful sting operation, Jim MacKeen also assisted with surveillance and the logging in and packaging of evidence; and

Whereas, it is through the actions of citizens such as Jim MacKeen that society is made safer and the criminal element is called to task for preying on the vast majority of an area's residents who are law-abiding and peaceful:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Jim MacKeen for a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Special Recognition Award and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his willingness to intervene on behalf of others in dangerous circumstances; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jim MacKeen, as an expression of our esteem for him and his civic contributions.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

Representative Thomas S. Green
District No. 15

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1958, adopted April 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker